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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - COURT CASE AGAINST SABENA

REF : BRUSSELS 431

1. IN SEPTEMBER 1975, U.S. DISTRICT COURT IN BROOKLYN  
HANDED DOWN DECREES WHEREBY NINETEEN AIRLINES, INCLUDING  
SABENA, PLEADED NOLO CONTENDERE TO TEN COUNTS OF  
REBATING, PAID A FINE (35,000 DOLLARS IN SABENA'S CASE)  
AND AGREED THAT FUTURE VIOLATIONS WOULD PUT THEM IN  
CONTEMPT OF COURT. THEY SPECIFICALLY PROMISED TO TAKE  
REASONABLE ACTIONS NEEDED TO ASSURE THAT SUCH VIOLATIONS  
DID NOT OCCUR.

2. SABENA AND VASILADIS HAVE NOW BEEN CHARGED WITH  
CRIMINAL CONTEMPT IN CONNECTION WITH CASE CITED REFTL.  
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WE CANNOT PREDICT OUTCOME, NOR LENGTH OF PROCEEDING.

3. U.S. AUTHORITIES HAVE LONG BEEN CONCERNED BY REBATING  
PROBLEM AND BELIEVE STRICT ENFORCEMENT DESIRABLE.  
SABENA IS NOT ONLY AIRLINE FACING ENFORCEMENT OF 1975  
ORDER; SIMILAR CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST IBERIA.

4. PERTINENT PRESS RELEASES OF 9/29/75 AND 1/6/77  
BEING POUCHED FYI.  
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